

# *Bitterley Parish Council*

## **Draft Minutes of the meeting held at Bitterley Village Hall On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2015**

### **PRESENT**

**Chairman:** Mr HCH Chance

**Members:** Mr RJ Osborne (Vice Chairman), Mr DT Price, Mr HWJ Watkins,  
Mr C Chillingworth, Mr PJ Martin, Mrs AM Holman

Also present: Mrs S Jones (Clerk)

**1) To receive apologies and reasons for absence:** Mr DE Bowen (Illness),  
Mr DW Rogers (Illness) Mr P Lawley-Jones (Illness), Best Wishes to be sent.  
Also Shropshire Councillor Richard Huffer (Attending an LJC meeting)  
No Apologies given by Mrs K Wheeler

### **2) Declarations of Interest.**

None

### **3) Public Participation session.**

No members of the public attended.

**4) To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> January 2015.** The minutes were **APPROVED** and it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be signed and **ADOPTED** as a true record. Proposed by Mr HWJ Watkins and seconded by Mr C Chillingworth. Minutes signed by the Chairman.

### **5) Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2015**

**The Pothole – Snitton:** Has now been filled in.

**Notice Board at Middleton:** Still to be repaired. Clerk also to look at “Bitterley Parish Council” being put on the boards. **ACTION**

### **6) Roads:**

- a) Middleton Bridge: It appears that SC have marked out the road for the work to be done.
- b) Road from Bitterley to Round Thorn: The side of the road at the ford needs attention. Clerk to ask Shropshire Council if there are any plans to do any work there. **ACTION**
- c) Hopton Cangeford: The road from Middleton to the Hall, needs completely resurfacing, clerk to ask Shropshire Council if any plans to do the work. **ACTION**

### **7) Parking at Bitterley School**

A proposal needs to be presented to Paul Sutton at Shropshire Housing Association. It is not anticipated that SHA will pay for the work, just give permission. The school has set up a working group, and have met with Glyn Shaw. Mr Shaw was surprised that the road marking had been incorrectly painted on the road, and will have them removed. The school are hoping to create some parking spaces at the bottom of the sports field. Mr R. Osborne to keep in touch with the working group, and to feed back the options. **ACTION**

### **8) Annual Parish Meeting Agenda**

The Annual Parish Council meeting to be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> May after the Annual Parish Meeting.

### **9) Planning Applications**

- a) Planning application decisions already made

None

**b) Planning applications for consideration**

**15/0061/FUL:** Erection of a 2 storey extension-The Vicarage, Cleeton St Mary. Mr Henry Chance declared an interest, as he is a Trustee of the Common Land adjacent to the property, so did not take part in the discussion. Mr Richard Osborne chaired the meeting. No reason to object **ACTION**

**15/00956/FUL:** Erection of a conservatory – 1 Orchard Lee, Bitterley  
Mr Richard Osborne declared an interest as applicant and left the meeting, Mr H. Chance Chaired the meeting. Support **ACTION**

**c) Planning Application Pending**

**14/02442/OUT:** Outline application for residential development: Proposed Residential Development South Of Paddock Side, Middleton.

**14/03530/FUL:** Proposed Agricultural Workers Dwelling At Shop Farm, Dhustone Lane and an Affordable Dwelling.

**10) Financial Matters**

**a) Financial balance. £4447.55**

**b) Cheques signed since last meeting**

None

**c) Cheques signed at this meeting**

517	Bitterley Village Hall	£155.00
518	Weavers @ Wofferton	£62.92
519	S Jones (Salary)	£257.33
520	Post Office Ltd (HMRC)	£64.27
521	S Jones(Cemex Bus Shelter Base)	£78.26
522	M Edwards (Bus Shelter Base)	£444.00

**d) Funding Request from Crucial Crew**

Mr. H. Chance and Mr C. Chillingworth declared an interest. Mr. R. Osborne proposed giving £91.00, Mr. DT Price seconded it.

523	Crucial Crew	£91.00
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**11) Correspondence:**

**Shropshire Council Flooding:** An Action plan for Bitterley has been produced. The Flood Group Members on the Parish Council are Mr R. Osborne, Mr H, Chance, Mr. P Martin, Mrs. Alison Holman and Mr. Chris Chillingworth. The Flood Forums are badly organised, Bitterley has one of the worst flooding areas in Shropshire, as the Village can be cut off, so needs a robust plan. Emails have been sent by Mr Osborne on various issues but have been no response to them. **15/01/15** Henley Road from Bitterley Road – Gullies blocked and overwhelmed. The addition of a new ditch is ineffective. The road was flooded across **Ref: 3043017**. No response. **02/02/15 - Ref: 3063551** Reported the road from Bitterley to Henley flooding again from track opposite Mill Farm – No response.

**SALC:** Karen Roper is leaving to become a clerk. Thanks to be sent to Karen for her help and support in the past.

**Response to Closing of Phone Box on Angel Bank:** Bitterley PC was one of the few Parishes that made a response, thanks to the Councillors for their input.

**Ludlow Amateur Boxing Club:** Funding Request, declined.

**Shropshire Council:** The decision to stop giving the Council Tax support Grant to the Parish Councils was agreed by the Council.

**12) Reports:**

**Bus Shelter:** The concrete base is down and the Bus Shelter should be erected sometime

in week ending the 13<sup>th</sup> March.

**Speeding through Middleton:** There have been assurances given that the VAS have been ordered. Clerk to ring Glyn Shaw to ask for an installation date. **ACTION**

**Parish Council Website**

Mr Forster of Axiam Computers has begun to design a new website. The clerk to send an email out asking for a brief outline of each Councillor, so that it can be put in the website. **ACTION**

**LJC**

The Coder Road site had now been sold. You can look at regular updates on policing matters on the police website. The Police are currently advising people to alarm their sheds etc. due to the spate of recent break-ins. Ian Kirby has said that planning is difficult at the moment, there are normally around 12 appeals happening at any one time, there are currently 40. Planning are using SAMDev guidelines, when making decisions. Mr Kirby said that if planning decisions had gone beyond the 8 week deadline, to email him directly. There were 1000 signatures on the petition against the closing of the Museum and Resource Centre in Ludlow. The Ludlow Hydro Project has offered shares in the scheme. The pedestrian crossing on Clee Hill is to have lights on it.

**Chairman:** The Church Fete is on the 4th July at Bitterley Court. Sometime ago the Vicar of Stottesdon asked if the Parish Council wished to be Trustees of the Alms Houses at Cleeton St Mary, Mr H. Chance has offered the Parish Councils continued support. The Parish Council has been made aware that Caynham Parish Council have been contacted about the possibility a member of the public funding a bench on the submit of Titterstone, the Clerk to contact Caynham Parish Council as the request should be made to Bitterley PC.

**13) The next meeting:** will be the Annual meeting held on **13<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00p.m.**

The dates of further Meetings: 8<sup>th</sup> July, 9<sup>th</sup> September and the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2015.